

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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TARGETS FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the targets fixed for provision of telephone connections in the year 2002-2003 have slashed at the revised estimates stage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this year's targets are also less than the last year's; and
- (d) if so, the effect thereof on the telecom sector development?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUI MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir the targets fixed for provision of telephone connections for PSUs (BSNL&MTNL) in the year 2002-03 have been slashed from 69.83 lakh DELs to 57.20 lakh DELs at revised estimate stage due to paucity of funds and reduction in demand for fixed lines.

(c) No, Sir. The target fixed for the year 2003-2004 is 64.11 lakh DELs which is 12% more than the revised targets of 57.20 lakh DELs fixed for the last year i.e 2002-03.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.